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PATENT APPLICATION
10/615,885

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Baofu Duan
Serial No.: 10/615,885
Filed: July 8, 2003
Group No.: 2624
Examiner: Daniel G. Mariam
Notice of Allowance Mailed: October 9, 2007
Confirmation No.: 9839
Title: **HIERARCHICAL DETERMINATION OF FEATURE
RELEVANCY**

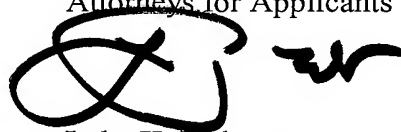
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-14 and 16-27. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,
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